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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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OAK VIEW TASK FORCE Meeting Summary Notes

Thursday, June 16, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Oak View Library
17241 Oak Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

City Staff Liaison:

Chris Slama, Community Services Manager, Community Services Dept.

Council Liaison:

Barbara Delgleize, Council Member

City Department Attendees:

Nilda Berndt, Police Dept.
Charlene Gomez, Community Services
Claudia Locke, Oak View Branch Library
Rich Massi, Code Enforcement
Doris Powell, Public Works
Kathy Schooley, Code Enforcement
Simone Slifman, Business Development

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Slama called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Slama reminded the public that those who wish to speak should complete and submit a public speaker form and they will be allotted the standard 3-minute time limit to speak.

Slama called for public comments.

2. **Public Speakers:**

Mary Urashima, Chair of Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force, reported that the tree trimming at the Wintersburg site had been accomplished at no cost to the property owner. The Task Force is in talks with the property owner to continue the clean up and preservation.

Victor Valladares, commended Rich Massi and his partner Ross Joslin for the inspections they have been collaborating on. He said there have been great improvements at the City level including the offering of bilingual literature. He is looking forward to working with Code Enforcement. These 9 units will serve as a blueprint on

how Code Enforcement will work within the community as they work alongside the Fair Housing Foundation and the residents – informing them of their tenants’ rights. Rich Massi said that Victor has been a good community liaison between the City and the residents in helping to inform the citizens of their tenants’ rights.

3. MEETING SUMMARY REVIEW:

Slama asked if there were any corrections to note.

Claudia Locke said that under the Library report, there is a correction needed in the sentence, “*They have a computer lab with 12 computers for the public and 3 computers for the little kids starting tomorrow.*” The statement should read that the computer lab is “continuing”, not starting tomorrow. Locke said that in the sentence reporting a “speed reading program” that it should have read a “spring reading program”.

Mary Urashima commented that she provided staff with corrections to her public comments but doesn’t see that the corrections have been made. Slama said that staff has a copy of her email and will edit the minutes, and then redistribute.

Simone Slifman wants to clarify the statement made under Economic Development saying that the Fair Housing Foundation doesn’t cover code enforcement; they come in and assist with some of the tenants when needed in the Oak View area in combination with Code Enforcement.

Doris Powell called for the correction of the word “Refuge” to be changed to “Refuse” under the Public Works section of the Staff Reports.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- a. Barbara Delgleize that the City is planning an air show scheduled for October 22-23 at the beach. The Thunderbirds and Brietling groups will perform 12-4:00 pm. The parking fee will be a little higher that day to help offset some of the costs, but there will be shuttles available as well. The 4th of July and the parade are coming up soon and she looks forward to a wonderful summer.

5. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- a. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Slama officially welcomed Kathy Schooley. She introduced herself as a code enforcement officer who has recently been assigned to the Oak View area. She has been working in the area for 2 weeks now and has issued several notices of violations and has received good feedback from the property owners to gain compliance on the notices. Officer Schooley said that complaints can be made through the website or they can call the office, where there are bilingual speaking staff available. Any concerns are completely confidential, and she is available after the meeting for questions.
- b. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Chris Slama introduced himself as the Community Services Manager in charge of the Recreational, Human and Cultural Services Division. Slama reported that the new Senior Center in Central Park (SCCP)

- will be opening with a ribbon cutting on July 10 from noon-3:00 pm. There has been talk in the Collaborative meetings about how to inform the residents in the Oak View area of the services provided at the SCCP, including free transportation, congregate meals, classes and the fitness area where there will be memberships and personal trainers available. Partners will be providing free assessment testing and wellness clinics in the same area. A special “Senior Sands” addition of the “Sands” magazine when out to all residents with information about the SCCP or they can call the new Senior Center at (714) 536-5600. Mary Urashima asked if the information will be provided in Spanish as well. Slama said that when it is produced for the Oak View area, it most definitely will be in Spanish as well. Slama thanked everyone for attending and showing interest in the community.
- c. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Simone Slifman from the Office of Business Development clarified that the Economic Development Department was changed and requested that the future agendas be changed as well. Business Development oversees the CDBG fund, which are federal funds that are provided to various services in the City, as well as various capital improvements that benefit either public facilities or in some cases, the disabled. One of the services funded in the Oak View area is the Family Literacy Program. CDBG funds also pay for the Code Enforcement, not only in the Oak View area, but in other CDBG eligible areas within the City. Business Development is currently in the process of allocating funds and there will be a public hearing on July 18 before City Council. Slifman also reported that several businesses in the Oak View area are participating in the Sustainable Business Program through CIELO. Those interested can contact Toni Graham in the City Managers office.
- d. **LIBRARY SERVICES:** Claudia Locke, Manager for the Oak View Branch Library said that the Branch Library is part of the Huntington Beach Library system and has been located in Oak View for 20 years. The Branch Library provides programs and services for children and adults. The Branch Library is participating in a building sustainability certification with CIELO. They met with advisors and hope to earn their certification sticker soon. Additionally, in partnership with Cielo, the Branch Library provided a presentation for parents and residents regarding career opportunities or how to start a business. Tomorrow they will have a special adult craft program from 11:30 – 12:30. There are 35 registered and they are considering additional adult programs on a monthly basis. On June 28, they will host a program sponsored by the Oak View Renewal Partnership called Coffee with a Cop from 5:30-6:30, where the community can come together and get to know their local police officers. She provided a flyer announcing various children’s programs, including Read for the Win and a math class. Classes fill quickly, so early sign-up is encouraged.
- e. **POLICE:** Nilda Berndt introduced herself as the Community Services Specialist for the Huntington Beach Police Department. She oversees the Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention and volunteer programs. Officers along with community volunteers have been recruiting throughout the Oak View community for participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. They held a community meeting with 41 participants. As a follow-up, they will have another meeting in

about six months, and each attendee has promised to bring one other new person with them so that the program can grow. Normally Neighborhood Watch signs are \$45 (Neighborhood Watch is a non-profit organization), however, she is working on getting 3 or 4 at no cost and having them prominently installed. Another Spanish Academy is scheduled to start on September 10. It's a way for residents to see what the police department does and the partnership necessary between the PD and citizens in stopping crime. The Police Dept. is also hosting National Night Out at Target (Adams/Brookhurst) on August 2, 4:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be games and raffles.

- f. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Doris Powell introduced herself from Public Works, Refuse Division, which is the trash and recycling division. They will be hosting a composting workshop at Shipley Nature Center – it's the 9th year. The event is booked with 55 participants. The cost is \$10. Another workshop is scheduled for August. Reservations can be made on the Shipley website. They are partnering with Fountain Valley, who is hosting a fix it clinic this weekend at the Fountain Valley Senior Center, 12-4:00. If you have a broken item, you can bring it to the clinic and someone will show you how to fix it yourself – from sewing to carpentry. All coaches are volunteers and the type of skills varies. There will be another clinic at the Central Library on July 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Powell also noted that the City Yard's phone number was listed in the minutes. That number is for reporting issues like with curbs, sidewalks, illegally dumped items in allies – not for picking up large items. The Oak View Renewal Partnership partners with Rainbow and Code Enforcement on illegal dumping, but residents should call Rainbow directly for picking up large items.

Slama thanked Principal Mendieta allowing the Task Force to meeting at Oak View Elementary.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Oak View Elementary
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